

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The proficiency/competency of teaching subject through Hindi medium was assessed through interview upto the recruitment year 2002-03. From 2003-04, proficiency/competency of teaching through Hindi and English is tested through bi-lingual test in Hindi and English.

(c) Kendriya Vidyalayas are primarily meant for children of transferable Central Government employees. As there is a mix of children with various mother tongues, English and Hindi are used as mediums of instruction in the class-room. Therefore knowledge of English and Hindi is required for teachers in Kendriya Vidyalayas.

Setting up a tribal university

2744. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a tribal university;

(b) if so, the details including the regional centre of the university, if any, as on date, category-wise;

(c) the details of the States associated or to be associated with the above project and the criteria adopted for the same; and

(d) the details of other Ministries associated with the above project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The proposal is yet to be finalized.

FDI in higher education

2745. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for FDI and the better regulation of present private-capital investment in higher education,

(b) if so, the details and the steps taken for better management of the present capital, category-wise, as on date.